

REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action by the Examiner, applicant elects without traverse the claims of Group I (Claims 1-18, 37-44 and 55-69) for further prosecution in the captioned application.

The Group II, Group III and Group IV claims (Claims 19-36, 45-54 and 70-80) have been canceled from the captioned application by the present amendment. Applicant submits, however, that these claims have been canceled merely to expedite prosecution of the application, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter claimed therein. Applicant reserves the right to file an additional application or applications to pursue one or more of the canceled claims, among other potential claims.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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